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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949.

Urban District of Bowdon.

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Section A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The area of the Urban District of Bowdon is 1090 acres. The Registrar- General's estimate of the population is 3,400.

The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1948 according to the Rate Book was approximately 1,020.

The Rateable Value of the District is £40,203 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £ 160.

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential. No industries are carried on.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.	Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births. (Legitimate.)	49	23	26
(Illegitimate).	4	3	1
	53	26	27.
Still Births.	3	-	3.

Still Birth Rate per 1000total(live & Still Births) 53.57

Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population 15.58

DEATHS.

Total no of Deaths in District 47.

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated total resident population 13.82

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Death Rate per 1000 total births	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.
Total No. of Deaths of Infants. (Under 1 Yr.)	Nil
Death Rate (All Infants) per 1000 Live births	Nil.
" " (Legitimate Infants) per 1000 Legitimate Live Births.	Nil.
" " (Illegitimate) per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births.	Nil.
" from MEASLES (All Ages)	Nil.
" " WHOOPING COUGH (All Ages)	Nil.
" " DIARRHOEA. (Under 2 Yrs)	Nil.
" " CANCER.	7.

There has been no excessive mortality from any one cause, and there has been no outstanding cause of sickness or invalidity.

Section B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(1). (i) The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Altrincham, the Urban Districts of Hale & Knutsford and for the Rural District of Bucklow. He is also the Divisional Medical Officer for the Altrincham Division of the Cheshire County Council.

(ii) The Sanitary Inspector who also acts as Surveyor to the Council, is a whole time Official. This position is filled by Mr. A.E. Shimmings, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and S. T. E. J. Board and the Meat Inspectors Certificate (R.S.I.)

(iii) Laboratory Facilities. Specimens for examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratories, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

(2) Services Administered By the Cheshire County Council

(i) Nursing in the Home.

(ii) Ambulance Facilities. This service is now Provided by the Altrincham Division of The County Council, operating from the Ambulance Station Altrincham

(iii) A Clinic & Treatment Centre is available for Maternity & Child Welfare in Bowdon Vale.

(iiii) Hospitals. Altrincham General Hospital is available for general & gynecological cases. Obstretrical cases may be sent to St. Mary's Hospital Manchester. Use is also made of the Manchester Hospital for general Cases. St. Annes Home Dunham Massey is a hospital for diseases of the ear, nose and throat. Some medical cases are also admitted.

Section C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation. Both Quality and quantity have been satisfactory throughout the year.

2. It may be of interest to know that several large houses in the area have been converted into hostels & homes for the aged, blind etc. The following is a list of these houses.

"Southfield", Langham Road.	Maternity Home.	Mid-Cheshire Hosp. Board.
"Mountlands" Enville Rd.	Nursing Home	Christian Science.
"Denzell" Green Walk.	Convalescent Home	Mid-Cheshire Hosp. Board.
"Ingledene" Richmond Rd.	Childrens Nursery	"Waifs & Strays Soc.
"Lynwood" Green Walk.	Home for partly Blind or Deaf.	Cheshire County Council Welfare Comm.
"Holly Grange" Langham Rd.	Childrens Home.	- Ditto -
"Forrest Hill" S.Downs Rd.	Home for Aged Persons.	Manchester Corp. Welfare Services Comm.

"Gorsefield",Green Walk.	Home for Aged Persons	Cheshire Residential Homes for people of Limited means.
Convent of the Lady of the Vale,Bowdon Vale.	Nursing Home.	

Section D. PREVALANCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases is provided at Monsall Hospital,Manchester by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board. Measles,Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever are normally nursed at home but where considered advisable they can be admitted to Monsall Hospital.

During the year there were Three deaths from Pnuemonia.

Other Diseases. (a) Cancer.

There were 7 Deaths from cancer during the year. No particular trade was affected. The localisation was as follows:-

Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus.	NIL.
Cancer of Breast.	1
Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum.	2.
Other Sites.	4
	7

The Holt Radium Institute, Manchester is available for the treatment of Bowdon cases.

(b) Tuberculosis.

No action has been necessary with regard to persons suffering from tuberculosis in the milk trade.

Diptheria Immunisation.

Diptheria Immunisation is carried out at the Cheshire County Council s Welfare Centre,Priory Street, Bowdon. and also by General Practitioners.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1949.

To the Chairman & Members of the Bowdon
Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The whole of the district is supplied from the Manchester Corporation mains. The supply in all cases is direct to the house

During the year the supply has been constant and satisfactory in quality and quantity. The following information was supplied by the engineer to the Manchester Corporation Waterworks.

110 samples of water on distribution were examined bacteriologically and 101 of these were free from Coliform bacteria.
The water supply is neutralised with hydrated lime to a pH value of 7.0 to 7.5 and the lead content of the water after standing overnight(roughly 18 hours) in contact with lead service pipes does not exceed 0.2 p.p.m. as lead(Pb).
No action was necessary in respect of any form of contamination.

Sewerage & Drainage.

Small amounts of defective drains and sewers have been found and remedied during the year.
New lengths of sewer were provided on the Council Housing Site.

With the exception of 7 outlying cottages the whole of the district is on the water carriage system.

Smoke Abatement:

No complaints have been received and no action has been necessary during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and Other Insect Pests.

No cases of bug infestation were discovered during the year.

18 Wasps nests were destroyed. The Departments help was asked for in the elimination of other pests when D.D.T., Gammexane and other remedies were supplied.

Infectious Diseases.

Very few cases of Notifiable Infectious Diseases occurred during the Year. In most cases they were treated at home.

Factories.

No action has been necessary.

Inspection of Food.

(a) Milk Supply. There are seven producers in the area. These premises were constantly inspected. No adulteration has been reported and no action has been necessary.
(b) Inspection of Meat & Other Foods. Frequent visits of inspection to food shops were made.
There is only one Butchers shop in the area, the meat being obtained from Altrincham.

No animals have been slaughtered for human consumption in the district.

There has been no case of "Food Poisoning" reported in the district.

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and certified as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Foods.

Apricots	4 tins.	Pineapple	5 tins.
Evaporated Milk	34 "	Pork	2 "
Soup	2 "	Peach.	2 "
Peas	5 "	Pate Foie	2 "
Meat & Cereal	1 "	Luncheon Meat.	1 "
Plums	5 "	Veal	2 "
		Spinach.	5 "

Others.

Sandwich Spread.	47	Bottles
Salad Cream.	40	Bottlrs.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933.

There are no registered slaughter houses or knackers yards in the area.

One licence to slaughter is in force.

Rodent Control.

Under the Rats & Mice (Destruction) Acts 1919 the County Council are responsible for the enforcment of the Act.

The County Council have delegated their powers to this Council and the Sanitary Inspector acts as the Rodent Officer.

Two of the Council's workmen have attended courses of instruction in Rodent Control and their services are utilised in this work as and when required.

The Ministry of Foods recommended methods are used.

Sewer test are taken at 6 monthly intervals and the results have been gratifying.

The Council's Refuse Tip, Sewage Farm and Towns Yard are baited monthly as a routine matter and at other times if found necessary.

No serious infestations have beem found or reported. The usual cases reported are of occasional rats infesting hen runs, these have usually been found in the outlyimg districts and are speedily dealt with.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. SHIMMINGS.

Sanitary Inspector.